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Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of the claims in this application.

Listing of Claims

1. – 11. (Cancelled)

12. (Currently Amended) A method for tracking a portable medical device that is movable to and reusable in a plurality of physical locations in connection with a plurality of patients and connectable with an electronic network having one or more access nodes, comprising:

determining the last access node used by a medical device and reporting the last used access node to a medication management unit;

determining the last known general physical location of a medical device based on the last access node used by the medical device as reported at the medication management unit; and

displaying the last known general physical location of a medical device at a user access device, based on a report from the medication management unit; and

activating and ~~generating~~emitting an audio location alarm signal from the medical device in response to an audio location alarm request from the user access device relayed through the medication management unit such that to allow a user to pinpoint the the medical device audibly broadcasts the audio location alarm at a then current and specific physical location of the medical device regardless of position relative to another medical device.

13. – 14. (Cancelled)

15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, wherein the activating and ~~generating~~emitting steps are executed using a medical device selected from a group of medical devices consisting of a medical pump, a diagnostic device, and a patient vital signs monitor.

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16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 12, further comprising the step of inserting a predetermined time delay prior to the activating and ~~generating~~emitting steps in order to allow a searcher to travel to the last used access node.